

## CLAIMS

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A floating blade plectrum comprising a 'blade' of relatively thick plastic material with a 'non-rigid attachment' between the 'blade' and two

'rigidity layers' each 'rigidity layer' being made of a soft flexible material of uniform thickness, the upper layer being of greater thickness than the lower, the rigidity layers may be contoured to adjust the rigidity they confer to the plectrum, with the 'rigidity layers' being enclosed between two

'grip layers', each being of uniform thickness and each being of the same thickness, each being of a soft and flexible non-slip material or a soft and flexible material with a soft, flexible, non-slip coating, a

'moment plate' of relatively thin rigid material, one above the 'blade' and one below the 'blade' making two in all, each 'moment plate' may be attached above or below the 'grip layer' or 'rigidity layer' or embedded within the 'grip layer' or 'rigidity layer'.

2. A floating blade plectrum as claimed in claim 1 wherein the 'blade' is made from hard nylon material and the

'non rigid attachment' comprises close weave cotton fabric joined to the 'blade' by epoxy adhesive and the

'rigidity layers' comprise soft, flexible, rubber of uniform thickness, the upper layer being of greater thickness than the lower, the 'rigidity layers' may be contoured to adjust the rigidity they confer to the plectrum and the

'grip layers' comprise adhesive backed soft, flexible, non-slip micro-cellular rubber of uniform thickness or adhesive backed soft, flexible, micro-cellular rubber of uniform thickness with a non-slip coating, the upper and lower 'grip layer' being of the same thickness and the

'moment plates' are made from thin aluminium alloy plate of uniform thickness and the

'upper' moment plate' is attached to the underside of the upper 'grip layer' by a rubber solution based adhesive and the lower 'moment plate' is attached to the upper side of the lower 'grip layer' by a rubber solution based adhesive.